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SUBJECT: FY-77 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM

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1. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT CONCURRENCE
RE IV TRADE UNION NOMINEES ALBERDI AND RISCO (REF A).
HEREWITH PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR ALBERDI (RISCO SEPTTEL),
AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION. WE PROPOSE ALBERDI
DEPART MADRID SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 ON TWO 903, ARRIVING
KENNEDY AIRPORT AT 1515, PROCEEDING BY BRANIFF 101 AT
1710, ARRIVING WASHINGTON DULLES AIRPORT 1830. FOUR WEEK
PROGRAM WOULD COMMENCE MONDAY, AUGUST 8.

2. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS. INASMUCH AS AFL-CIO VERY MUCH
INTERESTED IN BASQUE STV, SUGGEST CONTACT MIKE BOGGS
(DEPARTMENT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS) TO ARRANGE TAILORED
PROGRAM AT AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS DURING WASHINGTON STAY. IT
WILL BE RECALLED THAT STV VICE PRESIDENT JOSE LEUNDA
(MADRID 3352) FINISHED HIS IV PROGRAM IN MID-JUNE. ALBERDI
IS RESPONSIBLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, FOR STV PUBLICATIONS
AND INFORMATION ("PROPAGANDA") PROGRAM, AND WE RECOMMEND
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APPROPRIATE EMPHASIS BE GIVEN THIS FIELD. IN ADDITION
TO AFL-CIO PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON, ALBERDI SHOULD BE EXPOSED
TO APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT, NLRB, AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
CONTACTS. MEETINGS WITH AMERICAN LABOR LEADERS WHO HAVE
VISITED SPAIN RECENTLY WOULD BE USEFUL, E.G. JACK OTERO
(BRAC), ED TORRES (UAW), BENSSHARMAN (IAM), ETC. VISITS TO
AIFLD'S FRONT ROYAL AND GEORGE MEANY CENTER WOULD BE WORTHWHILE.

3. ALBERDI HAS EXPRESSED A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE BROAD FIELDS OF LOCAL UNION ADMINISTRATION (VISITS TO SEVERAL UNION LOCALS AROUND THE COUNTRY WOULD THUS BE IN ORDER), COLLECTIVE BARGAINING TECHNIQUES AND AGREEMENTS, ORGANIZATION (OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO SPANISH FREE TRADE UNIONS JUST GETTING ON THEIR FEET), AND COMMUNITY-TRADE UNION RELATIONS (INCLUDING LABOR COUNCIL RELATIONS WITH LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS). IN VIEW OF THE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE SPANISH TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, WE FURTHER SUGGEST ALBERDI BE EXPOSED TO ORGANIZATION EFFORTS IN THAT SPHERE.

4. WITH RESPECT TO LOCATIONS OUTSIDE WASHINGTON, VISIT TO NEW YORK SHOULD BE PROGRAMMED (INCLUDING UN AND POSSIBLY ILGWU EDUCATIONAL CENTER). AS WITH LEUNDA, A SHORT STOP IN BOISE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BASQUE COMMUNITY (POSSIBLY AGAIN INCLUDING PETER CENARRUSA, SECRETARY OF STATE, IDAHO) MAY BE WORTHWHILE, ALTHOUGH WE NOTE THAT THE RESULTS OF THE LEUNDA VISIT WERE ONLY "MILDLY SATISFACTORY" (JUNE 21 REPORT ON LEUNDA VISIT BY JON GANDARIAS). EXPOSURE TO HISPANO-AMERICAN ELEMENTS IN CALIFORNIA WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE (COULD WE NOT TRY FOR A MEDIUM-SIZE CITY, RATHER THAN THE USUAL LOS ANGELES?). IN ANY EVENT, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT ALBERDI HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE TO

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STOP AT A REPRESENTATIVE SMALL TOWN.

5. BIO DATA: JOSE MANUEL ALBERDI SAGARDIA; BORN SEPTEMBER 10, 1945 IN IRUN, GUIPUZCOA, SPAIN; SPANISH CITIZEN; MAILING ADDRESS: CALLE DESCARGA 6, IRUN, GUIPUZCOA, SPAIN; PRESENT POSITION: MEMBER OF STV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; TRAVELS: FRANCE; LANGUAGES: SPANISH AND BASQUE. ALBERDI WILL NEED THE SERVICES OF AN INTERPRETER. STABLER

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